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### Stiffler receives Friends Award

Members of the Friends of the University Libraries showed their appreciation for one of their strongest supporters of the University Libraries by presenting Dr. Paul Stiffler with the 2009-10 Friends Award.

As the chair of the University Libraries Advocates Board, Stiffler maintains a strong connection to his alma mater through tireless commitment of time and energy to activities that benefit BGSU. He is extremely passionate about raising awareness and funding for the University Libraries.

Interim Dean Sara Bushong stated, "Dr. Stiffler is a proud and passionate alumnus of Bowling Green State University, who has consistently demonstrated a strong record of commitment to his alma mater through his involvement with the Bowen-Thompson Student Union fundraising campaign and service on the University Libraries Advocates Board."

Stiffler is the executive vice president of Medtrol Inc., a Niles, Ill., company that manufactures hospital-grade disinfectants and procedural kits. In his role with the company, he has developed more than 50 products that have provided solutions to some of healthcare's most challenging goals.



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### 'Common Read' book helps unify FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

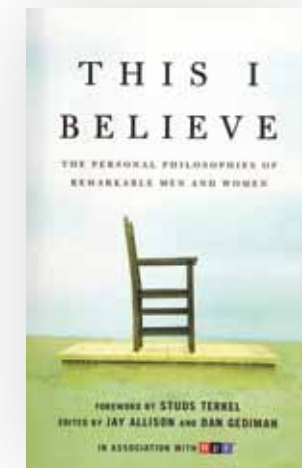
Eleven years ago, a group of BGSU employees gave birth to the idea for the Common Reading Experience at Bowling Green State University. These employees from student affairs and academic affairs created a unifying experience for incoming first-year students through the Common Reading Experience program.

It was important that this experience have an academic focus that would provide an opportunity to explore diverse ideas and generate rich discussion. Rather than to describe what it would feel like to have an energized classroom discussion, the group created an opportunity for incoming students to experience the joys of academic discourse between faculty and their peers first hand during the week before classes began. It was also important that new students would discover common interests regardless of their course of study. The thought was that whatever this common experience became, it could be a catalyst or conversation starter for students to get to know one another. While the group discussed a variety of ideas, the one that prevailed was reading; thus the common Reading Experience was hatched.

A selection committee with wide representation from first-year programs was formed to review and select books. The first book was piloted with a small cohort of students, including approximately 450 students from select sections of the composition course, first-year seminar course and environmental studies course. Students from one of the residential learning communities and students in

the local high school AP English class also participated in this initial cohort. Administrators from participating areas donated funds to bring the author to campus. Students were given the opportunity to meet an author who not only signed their books, but also graciously spent time with them in a variety of venues.

Program participation grew incrementally from the initial small pilot group to all entering first-year students (approximately 3,200 students) who read the book during the summer. During summer orientation, new students learn they are expected to read the book and be prepared for an hour-and-a-half discussion with a faculty member and an upperclass student on Sunday of move-in weekend. Some faculty members opt to further integrate the book into their courses during the first semester. Author visits, when possible, are typically scheduled for October. Although some years of the Common Read Program have proven more successful than others, evidence supports that bringing the author to campus enhances the program and significantly impacts the student experience in a variety of positive ways.



### New dean chosen to lead BGSU libraries

Bowling Green State University has chosen Kay Flowers as its next dean of the University Libraries, Dr. Kenneth Borland, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, has announced. Flowers, who previously was a University librarian and dean of the library faculty at Idaho State University, started at BGSU on July 12. "We are very excited about what her expertise, leadership experience, and passion for our strategic plan and student success will add to our future," Borland said in making the announcement.

Flowers was selected following a national search. She has more than 30 years' experience in university libraries. At Idaho State, she oversaw the main library collection, the Idaho Health Sciences Library, the Oliver Law Library, the University Library Center in Idaho Falls and a joint library project with an area school district. She also had planning responsibility for budgets, collections, facilities and personnel.

Flowers' involvement in Idaho State's first-year experience program will provide a good foundation for her help with BGSU's first-year experience program. She is committed to shared governance and transitioning the decision-making process in libraries to a more collaborative model.

In her 12 years at Idaho, she doubled the number of the library's endowments, created a "friends" group of supporters and began an outreach

program to donors and alumni. She also procured a grant for the library related to digital collections standards, which have become increasingly important as libraries become digital repositories of the intellectual output of the institution, she noted.

"BGSU has a strong commitment to the success of undergraduates, and I am pleased to join a library that plays an important role in that effort," Flowers said. "I am also impressed by the library's strong electronic and special collections that offer opportunities for researchers. The BGSU University Libraries are well-positioned for a changing future, and I am looking forward to being a part of it."

Flowers began her library career at Rice University's Fondren Library, serving as assistant university librarian for library information technology and, before that, assistant university librarian for automated services and head of circulation. She interrupted her work at Rice, from 1983-84, to obtain a master of library science degree from the University of Illinois. She also holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Rice and has nearly completed a doctorate of education at Idaho State.

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# faculty and staff news

## Employee dedication marked at reception

Longtime University Libraries employees were the guests of honor on April 7 at a reception recognizing BGSU employees for their years of service to the University at the 15-, 20-, 25-, 30-year levels. Also honored were retirees from this year. Congratulations to:

- Diane Collins (40)
- Susan Goldstein (20)
- Nancy Krueger (20)
- Marilyn Levinson (30)
- Kathy Moore (20)
- Gaynelle Predmore (30)

## RECENT RETIREES

Seven talented library faculty and staff members retired on June 30. Together they have served the University Libraries for more than 215 years. We appreciate their extraordinary service and wish them all the best!

The “Class of 2010” includes: Cliff Glaviano, 26 years; Gaynelle Predmore, 30 years; Coleen Parmer, 34 years; Bette Blair, 33 years; Christine Plotts, 40 years; Mary Wrighten, 20 years; and Mary Reynolds, 33 years.



The Class of 2010 front row (l-r), Mary Reynolds and Mary Wrighten, back row (l-r) Gaynelle Predmore, Cliff Glaviano, Christine Plotts and Coleen Parmer.

## Trustees approve librarian’s promotion

On May 7, the Board of Trustees approved the promotion of Carol Singer to full professor. Singer serves as a reference and instruction librarian in the Department of Library Teaching and Learning. Singer joined the BGSU University Libraries faculty in 1998 as reference and instruction librarian at the rank of assistant professor. In 2002, she attained tenure and earned promotion to associate professor.

Singer’s unwavering commitment to stay abreast of current trends and innovations in the field reflects well in her successful and effective application of best practices in her work. She has distinguished herself as an expert and innovator in the field, as well as an outstanding and effective teacher. Singer holds paramount the creation of meaningful library experiences for students and scholars alike.

Singer’s record of scholarship demonstrates continuous and productive research and publication that has led to her reputation as an effective librarian scholar at the state and national levels. Singer’s impressive publication record includes several book chapters—four since coming to BGSU—and an extensive and substantive array of juried articles, book reviews, newsletter editorships, proceedings, and presentations at prestigious national and state conferences.



Carol Singer (left) and her supervisor, Colleen Boff, celebrate Singer’s promotion at the Board of Trustees meeting.

## Book Cart Drill Team steps out for National Library Week

In celebration of National Library Week, “Drill Instructor” Sara Bushong, then interim dean of BGSU Libraries, puts the Book Cart Drill Team through its paces during National Library Week in April, to the accompaniment of the Falcon Marching Band.



## New faculty and staff debut

The University Libraries welcomes two new employees.

**Elizabeth Tousey**, library associate 2 in the Music Library & Sound Recordings Archives, began employment with BGSU on Nov. 2, 2009. Along with a degree from Kent State University’s Library and Information Science program, Tousey also brings her work experience from the Jones Music Library at Baldwin-Wallace College.

**Linda Kramer**, head librarian of the Curriculum Resource Center, joined the BGSU faculty on July 1, 2010. Kramer’s previous experience as an academic librarian coupled with her years in school libraries and in the classroom serve the CRC, UL, and BGSU well.



Elizabeth Tousey



Linda Kramer

## Students thanked as part of annual BBQ

In April, the Friends of the University Libraries hosted its annual Student Appreciation BBQ to recognize library student employees.

The event was hosted on the sunny deck of the William T. Jerome Library. Students and staff enjoyed a menu of Mexican food while the Friends of the University Libraries awarded two \$350 scholarships to two undergraduate students. The winners selected for 2009-10 were Quianna Williams and Brandon Scott. Each year, staff of the University Libraries look forward to the Student Appreciation BBQ as an opportunity to thank these students for their amazing contributions and talents.



Dr. Janet Parks (center), president of the Friends of the University Libraries, presents Quianna Williams and Brandon Scott (right) with the Friends Undergraduate Student award. Also pictured are Gwen Evans and Steve Charter.

## Edible books contest kicks off Family Campaign

The University Libraries held a Family Campaign kickoff luncheon that used book titles as themes for food. During the edible books contest, each entry was judged on the categories, most creative, best adult book and best children’s book.

The BGSU Family Campaign, a university-wide effort to support institutional initiatives, is an extension of the University’s commitment to students. Now in its second decade, the Family Campaign has raised nearly \$10 million to benefit students, programs and initiatives.

Each year, gifts to the Family Campaign support a variety of programs and scholarships, including the University Libraries Classified Staff Student Scholarship Fund.



Pita and the Wolf (top) and James and the Giant Peach Fruit Pizza (bottom) were among the winning edible books entries in the Libraries’ Family Campaign kickoff luncheon.

## Library employees co-author book

Patricia K. Falk, special collections cataloger, and Stefanie Hunker, digital resources librarian, have recently co-authored a book entitled “Cataloguing Outside the Box: A Practical Guide to Cataloguing Special Collections Materials.”

The book is a practical guide to cataloging and processing the unique special collections formats in the Browne Popular Culture Library and the Music Library and Sound Recordings Archives at Bowling Green State University (e.g. fanzines, popular sound recordings, comic books, motion picture scripts and press kits, popular fiction). It also assists professionals and students in library and information science facing the same cataloging challenges. Additionally, name authority work for these collections is addressed.



# 77 YEARS to Celebrate!

## Bowling Green State University Libraries celebrated its 77th anniversary as a federal depository library this April.

Cynthia Etkin, senior program planning specialist from the Government Printing Office (GPO), was the main speaker. She spoke about the Federal Depository Library Program—its mission, goals, and services, and what it means to be a depository. She presented a certificate from the GPO to then Interim Dean Sara Bushong, recognizing BGSU’s participation as a depository since 1933.

Several Ohio depository colleagues attended, including Mary Prophet, Claudia Dansby, Shari Laster, George Kline and Schuyler Cook. Deputy District Director Everett Woodel attended on behalf of Congressman Latta.

Coleen Parmer, chair of collections and technical services and head of government documents; Mary Reynolds, library associate; Kellie Tilton, government documents specialist; and Beth Hofer, former library media technical assistant, planned this special event. The event was poignant because it was the last documents department event. Hofer retired two years ago, and Reynolds and Parmer retired in June. Tilton, a part-time staff member, earned her MLS and will begin a temporary full-time instructor appointment with the University Libraries in August.

Responsibility for government documents processing will be redistributed among the collections and technical services department staff, and documents instruction and reference service will move to the library teaching and learning department.



(l-r) Beth Hofer, Mary Reynolds, Kellie Tilton and Coleen Parmer celebrate during the anniversary event.

## Upcoming Events

### Centennial Lecture Series: History of BGSU

**November 9, 11 a.m.**  
Pallister Conference Room

Steve Charter, University archivist and Eric Honneffer, conservator, will present the Centennial Lecture Series hosted by the University Libraries. Charter and Honneffer will provide an interactive presentation on the history of Bowling Green State University. The Centennial Lecture Series is being held in conjunction with BGSU’s 100-year celebration.

A luncheon and quilt raffle will follow the lecture. For more information, please call 419-372-2856.

### Homecoming

**Hundreds of BGSU alumni and friends will return to campus for this year’s Centennial Homecoming celebration, Oct. 1-3.**

The University Libraries invites you to meet and mingle at our tent located within Falcon Football Tailgate Park (east side of Doyt Perry Stadium) before the football game on Saturday, Oct. 2. Catch up with old friends and enjoy plenty of fellowship in our tent before the game begins. Kick-off for the BGSU vs. Buffalo game is at 3:30 p.m.

### Centennial Celebration @ Homecoming

The William T. Jerome Library is the venue for this fall’s special Homecoming Centennial Celebration event. On Friday Oct. 1 from 7 to 11 p.m., BGSU alumni and friends will gather at the library as part of the Homecoming and Centennial festivities. Music, unique food selections and more will be featured as the University welcomes the next century. The event, hosted by the BGSU Office of Alumni and Development, will cost \$35 per person. Additional details will be announced soon (check the alumni website at bgsualumni.com or the Centennial website at bgsu.edu/centennial).

